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SENATE BILL

No. 1442

Introduced by Senator Escutia

February 22, 2006

An act to amend Section 52244 of, and to add Section 52245 to, the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1442, as amended, Escutia. Schools: advanced placement examination fees.

Existing law establishes a 5-year pilot grant program, administered by the State Department of Education, for the purpose of awarding grants to cover the costs of advanced placement examination fees. Existing law authorizes school districts to apply to the department for grant funding under the program based on the number of economically disadvantaged pupils in the district who will take the next offered advanced placement examinations. Existing law repeals those provisions on January 1, 2008.

This bill would delete the January 1, 2008, *repeal* date, thereby extending those provisions indefinitely.

~~The bill would also establish the Advanced Placement Challenge Grant Program under which a high school of 4 or less advanced placement courses, as specified, would be eligible for a specified grant. The bill would limit the number of grants awarded on a competitive basis, as specified, to no more than 550 high schools. The bill would require a grant to be used for, among other things, to establish, train, and support vertical teams of teachers, as defined, and to purchase instructional materials and equipment for advanced~~

placement courses. ~~The bill would also require a school that receives a grant to agree to specified conditions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 52244 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 52244. (a) There is hereby established a grant program for
4 the purpose of awarding grants to cover the costs of advanced
5 placement examination fees. The department shall administer this
6 program.

7 (b) Any school district may apply to the department for grant
8 funding pursuant to this section, based on the number of
9 economically disadvantaged pupils in the district enrolled in
10 advanced placement courses who will take the next offered
11 advanced placement examinations. A school district that applies
12 to the department for this purpose shall designate school district
13 staff to whom pupils may submit applications for grants and shall
14 institute a plan to notify pupils of the availability of financial
15 assistance pursuant to this section. Grants shall be expended only
16 to pay the fees required of pupils to take an advanced placement
17 examination.

18 (c) Any economically disadvantaged pupil who is enrolled in
19 an advanced placement course may apply to the designated
20 school district staff for a grant pursuant to this section. A pupil
21 who receives a grant shall pay five dollars (\$5) of the
22 examination fee.

23 (d) School districts and county superintendents of schools may
24 join together and form collaboratives or consortia in order to
25 participate in the grant program established by this section.

26 (e) Grants provided pursuant to this section may not be used to
27 supplant fee waivers available to low-income pupils who take
28 advanced placement examinations.

29 (f) If the total school district applications exceed the total
30 funds available pursuant to this section, the department shall
31 prorate the grants based upon the ratio of the total amount
32 requested to the total amount budgeted by the state for this
33 purpose.

1 (g) To facilitate program administration and school district
2 reimbursement, the department may enter into a contract with the
3 provider of advanced placement examinations. For purposes of
4 the contract authorized pursuant to this subdivision, the
5 department is exempt from the requirements of Part 2
6 (commencing with Section 10100) of Division 2 of the Public
7 Contract Code and from the requirements of Article 6
8 (commencing with Section 999) of Chapter 6 of Division 4 of the
9 Military and Veterans Code.

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12 ***All matter omitted in this version of the bill***
13 ***appears in the bill as amended in Senate,***
14 ***March 30, 2006 (JR11)***
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